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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Arthur R. Hair

For (title): A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANIPULATING A COMPUTER FILE AND/OR PROGRAM

1. Type of Application

This application is for a continuation.

2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application (35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e), 120, or 121)

The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. application. Enclosed are ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION CLAIMED.

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3. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. § 1.153 (Design) Application

57 Page(s) of Specification

6 Page(s) of Claims

4 Sheet(s) of Drawing(s)--Informal

B. Other Papers Enclosed

3 Page(s) of declaration and power of attorney

2 Page(s) of abstract

4. Additional Papers Enclosed

Amendment to claims

Cancel in this applications Claims 14-23 before calculating the filing fee.

5. Declaration or Oath

Enclosed

Executed by:

* inventor.

6. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same.

7. Language

English

8. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

Regular Application

CLAIMS AS FILED									
Number Filed		Number Extra				Rate		Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a) 750.00	
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))									
13		-	20	=	0	x \$	18.00	= \$	0.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))									
1		-	3	=	0	x \$	84.00	= \$	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))						+ \$	280.00	= \$	0.00
Filing Fee Calculation								\$750.00	

9. Assertion of Small Entity Status

Applicant hereby asserts status as a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

Status as a small entity was asserted in the prior application 09/256,432 filed on February 23, 1999 from which benefit is being claimed for this application under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and which status as a small entity is still proper and asserted for this application.

A copy of the written assertion of small entity filed in the prior application is included.

Filing Fee Calculation (50% of above Filing Fee Calculation) \$375.00

10. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

Enclosed

Filing Fee \$375.00

Total Fees Enclosed \$375.00

11. Method of Payment of Fees

Attached is a check in the amount of \$375.00.
A duplicate of this paper is attached.

12. Instructions as to Overpayment

Credit Account No. 19-0737.

**ADDED PAGES FOR APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S.
APPLICATION CLAIMED
(37 C.F.R. § 1.78)**

13. Relate Back

Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line following the title, the following sentence:

A. 35 U.S.C. Sections 120, 121 and 365(c)

"This application is a continuation of copending application

Application number 09/256,432 filed on February 23, 1999."

B. Publication of International Application—Provisional Application

The international application corresponding to the instant application was not published under PCT Article 21(2) in the English language.

14. Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application

A. Conditional Petition for Extension of Time in Prior Application

A conditional petition for extension of time is being filed in the pending **prior** application.

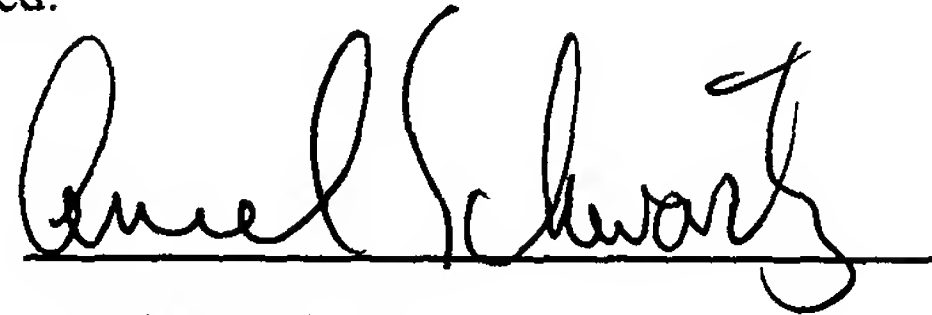
15. Further Inventorship Statement Where Benefit of Prior Application(s) Claimed

- (a) This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application whose particulars are set out above and the inventor in this application is the same.

16. Small Entity (37 C.F.R. Section 1.28(a))

Applicant has established small entity status by the filing of a statement in parent application 09/256,432 on February 23, 1999.

A copy of the statement previously filed is included.

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